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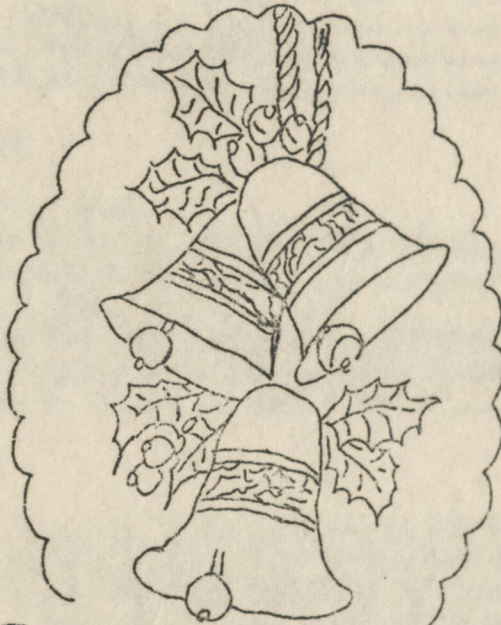
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NEWS LETTER

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1948



*New Year
Greetings*

PRAIRIE VIEW A. & M. COLLEGE
Prairie View, Texas

A. CALENDAR -

1. January 1948 -

- a. Football Game -
Prairie View vs Texas State University
(2:00 P. M. - Houston).....January 1
- b. College Basketball Tournament
Prairie View, Texas... January 9-10
- c. Basketball Game -
Prairie View vs Langston (Prairie View).....January 16
- d. Faculty Debate.....January 18
- e. Civilian Protection Institute.....January 16-17
- f. End of First Semester.....January 31

2. February 1948 -

- a. Basketball Game -
Prairie View vs Wiley (Prairie View).....February 6-7
- b. Negro History Week.....February 8-15
- c. Basketball Game -
Prairie View vs Samuel Huston (Prairie View).....February 20-21
- d. Texas Interscholastic League State Basketball
Contest for A and AA High Schools.....February 27-28

B. THANKS -

In the month of December, Prairie View was the Host to two important Regional and National Meetings, namely, The Association of Negro Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Southwest Area "Y" Leadership Institute. These Events brought to the Campus, some outstanding men in the field of education; and, the Hi-Y delegates from the High Schools of the Southwest, represented the finest type of young manhood and womanhood.

The manner in which these representatives were received and treated while in our midst has brought a chorus of praise and appreciation for the splendid hospitality shown. We want to especially thank the Committee on Arrangements for the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Mr. G. L. Smith, Chairman, for the excellent way in which every detail was worked out in connection with the execution of the Association's program and entertainment.

We wish to express our gratification to Dr. J. L. Brown and his Committee members for the effective way they looked after the comforts and program of the delegates to the "Y" Leadership Institute. Last, but not least, the student body deserves a bouquet for the fine spirit of cooperation, making our guests stay both profitable and pleasant.

C. FACULTY ENTERTAINMENT -

It was the unanimous opinion of those present, that the Faculty Entertainment for the visitors to the Association of Negro Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Faculty of the Texas State University for Negroes, in Houston, was not only complete in itself, but unique. Without a doubt, this entertainment was the result of many hours of hard and tedious work.

About 95% of the Staff at Prairie View made contributions, in the amount requested, while on the other hand, there are very few who failed to contribute to this Community Project. The Financial Statement of the Income and Expenditures will appear in the February issue of the News Letter.

D. TELETYPE -

A Teletype Machine has been installed in the Telephone Office, to make more efficient, the telegraph service for Prairie View. We have now, telegraph service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with direct connections with Hempstead and Houston.

E. END OF FIRST SEMESTER -

In order to facilitate the smooth change of Semesters, it has been decided that the First Semester should end January 31 and the Second Semester begin February 1, 1948. This was done, in a large measure, to accommodate the number of veterans who receive their pay on the First of the month and also a great number of patrons who receive their monthly compensation on the last day of the month.

F. INCREASE IN MAINTENANCE -

It was the hope, at the beginning of this school year, that we would complete the year without raising the maintenance rate, which is \$26.00 for board, room rent and laundry. The mounting cost of commodities has forced us to raise the maintenance charges, beginning the Second Semester, February 1, 1948, to \$28.00. We regret it was necessary to take this step, but it had to be done to avoid an obvious deficit before the end of the year.

G. OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT AND PERSONAL BUSINESS -

The Board of Directors of A. and M. College is making an effort to determine to what extent full time State employees are engaged in outside work and personal business. Consequently, we will send, to every employee, a questionnaire to determine the extent, if any, of the practice of full time State employees engaged in outside business for which they receive compensation. There is a hope that this questionnaire will be executed promptly and returned as requested.

H. IMPORTANT -

Permit us to call to the attention of employees the importance of complying with the following:

1. Community Chest - We wish to urge upon everyone the importance of taking care of their Community Chest obligations early this year. The funds of the Chest are committed to sources of very great importance to the Institution for which the entire community benefits. Each year the Chest makes contributions to The National Urban League, The Association of Negro Life and History, and other national organizations as well as making contributions to the expenses of lectures, ministers and artists. The coming of Dr. Vernon Johns was made possible through the participation of the Community Chest Funds.
2. Poll Tax - Again we are calling attention to the importance of every person on the payroll, paying his or her Poll Tax, as this is expected of every employee in this System. A Poll Tax receipt is the one evidence of our citizenship. The last day for paying Poll Tax is January 30, 1948. Please look after this at once. For your convenience, it has been arranged for us to pay Poll Tax in the Office of W. R. Banks, Agriculture Building.

I. WORKERS' MEETING -

The Workers' Meetings are designed for all persons who are on the College Payroll, and their presence is expected as well as required. The meetings are very seldom over one hour in length. We have felt that it was not necessary for people of responsibility to have roll called at the beginning of each meeting to check to find out who is absent or present. People who have a sense of responsibility do not have to be checked in and out, therefore we do not wish to resort to a practice of roll checking at the Workers' Meetings. It would require too much time and it would be offensive.

J. GREETINGS -

We wish for every employee at Prairie View A. & M. College a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, 1948. Permit me to close this News Letter with these challenging and thoughtful words of Blanche Hault in her Poem "Life's Tapestry" as follows:

"Each day I weave a few more strands
Upon the loom of life.
Each hour sees the pattern grow
Of kindness or of strife,
Sometimes I use the brighter skeins
And make the outline fair.

NEWS LETTER

MEMORANDUM

More often, still at night I find
Some places torn and bare;
It matters not what threads I use--
How narrow and how wide--
For God Himself the pattern draws
Upon the other side."

Yours truly,

E. B. Evans
E. B. Evans, Dean

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P. S. Meeting at the usual place and time.
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Franklin View, Texas